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USSR REPORTED SENDING TROOPS,  
 EQUIPMENT TO BULGARIA

SOVIET TROOPS ARRIVE IN BULGARIA -- Athens, To Vima, 23 Jan 51

According to information received directly and indirectly from Bulgarian sources, the USSR has sent Bulgaria select Soviet shock troops, equipped with the most modern weapons.

The reports state that one Soviet infantry division, one mechanized division, and air groups made up of fighters and bombers reached Bulgaria in December. The above units have taken up positions along the Yugoslav border, up to the Struma Valley. Other well-equipped Soviet Army units have also recently disembarked at Burgas and taken up positions at Stara Zagora and Khaskovo, north of the Turkish border.

War materiel is constantly being unloaded at Stalin and the Rumanian port of Constanta, whereas formations of Soviet warships have been noted at Stalin and Burgas.

Bulgarian airfields are undergoing constant improvement work.

A unit consisting of 10,000 volunteers, all of whom are Yugoslav Cominform refugees or Greek guerrillas, has been stationed at Plovdiv.

REPORT INCREASE IN MILITARY POTENTIAL -- Athens, Embros, 24 Jan 51

According to reliable reports from Bulgaria, that country has the following equipment and forces, besides its powerful infantry of 12 divisions (117 battalions) and the security units numbering 120,000 men: 100 pieces of mountain artillery, 120 pieces of medium artillery, 550 antitank guns, 276 antiaircraft guns, 3 regiments of self-propelled guns (108 pieces), 6 tank regiments with 600 tanks of the T-34 type, 120 fighter aircraft (Yak), 80 light bombers, and 80 Stormovik aircraft.

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